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**Programmer's  
Reference  
Guide**

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## BUILT-IN COMMANDS

DIR Display file directory {current drive  
DIR d: Display file directory {designated drive  
DIR filename.typ Search for named file, current drive  
DIR \*.typ Display all files of named type, curr drv  
DIR filename.\* Display all types of designated filename  
DIR x????.\* Display all filenames 5 characters  
long and start with letter x  
TYPE filename.typ Display ASCII file {current drive  
TYPE d:filename.type {designated drive  
  
ERA filename.typ {named file, current drive  
ERA \*.\* {all files, curr drv, V2.x curr user  
ERA \*.typ Erase {all files } designated {type  
ERA d:filename.typ {named file } drive  
ERA filename.\* {all types of named file, curr drv  
  
REN nuname.typ=olname.typ {REName file {current drive  
REN d:nuname.typ=olname.typ {designated drive  
  
SAVE n filename.typ {SAVE as named file {current drive  
SAVE n d:filename.typ {designated drive  
n pages (page=256 bytes) start @ 100H  
  
d: Switch to designated disk drive  
A-D V1.4; A-P V2.x  
USER n Change user area (Version 2.x)

## ED COMMANDS

nA Append n lines to buffer (n=0 -use half of buffer)  
B {beginning}  
-B Move pointer to {end } of file  
nC {forward n characters  
nD Delete n characters forward  
E End edit, close file, return to CP/M  
nFs Find n-th occurrence of string 's'  
H end edit, move pointer to beginning of file  
I Insert text at pointer until ^Z typed  
Is Insert string at pointer  
nK Kill n lines starting at pointer  
nL move pointer n lines  
nMx execute command string 'x' n times  
nNs global F-command- until end of file  
O abort ED, start over with original file  
nP list next n pages of 23 lines (n=0 -current page)  
Q Quit without changing input file  
Rfn Read fn.LIB into buffer at current pointer  
nSx^Zy Substitute string 'y' for next n forward  
occurrences of string 'x'  
nT Type n lines  
U change lower case to upper case (next entry)  
V enable internal line number generation  
nW Write n lines to output file (start at  
beginning of buffer)  
nX Write next n lines to file 'X\$\$\$\$\$.LIB'  
nZ Pause n/2 seconds (2MHz)  
n {n lines}  
<CR> Move {forward {1 line } } and type one line  
- {backward }  
n:x move to n line number and perform 'x' command  
:mx perform command 'x' from current line to line m  
n::mx move to n line number and perform command 'x'  
through line number m

note: "--" valid on all positioning and display commands  
for backward movement (e.g. -nC)

## PIP COMMANDS

PIP	Initiate Peripheral Interchange Program
*d::s:filename.typ	Copy named file from source drv
*d:nuname.*=s:olname.typ	Copy&change filename to destinat drv
PIP d::s:filename.typ	Initiate PIP and copy named file
PIP d::s:*.*	from source drv {all files}
PIP d::s:filename.*	to {all named files}
PIP d::s:*.typ	destination drv {all files named typ}
PIP LST:=filename.typ	{list device}
PIP PUN:=filename.typ	send named file to {punch device}
PIP CON:=filename.typ	{console device}
PIP filename.typ=RDR:	Copy data from reader device to named file (current drive)
*nuname.typ=aname.typ,bname.type,cnametyp	{ ASCII } copy&con-
*d:nuname.type=s:aname.typ,s:bname.typ	{ catenate }
*nuname.typ=aname.typ[X],bname.typ[X]	{ non-ASCII } files
PIP LST:=aname.typ,bname.typ	send files in sequence
PIP LST:=s:name.typ,s:name.typ	to list device

## PIP PARAMETERS

[B]	- read data block until ^S character
[Dn]	- delete characters past column n
[E]	- echo all copy operations to console
[F]	- remove form feeds
[Gn]	- get file from n user area - V2.x
[H]	- check for proper hex format
[I]	- same as H plus ignores ":00"
[L]	- change all upper case characters to lower case
[N]	- add line numbers with leading zeros suppressed
[N2]	- same as N plus leading zeros & tab
[O]	- object file transfer; ignores end-of-file
[P]	- insert form feed every { <sup>60</sup> } lines
[Pn]	{ <sub>n</sub> }
[Qstring^Z]	- Quit copying after {string is found}
[Sstring^Z]	- Start copying when {string is found}
[R]	- read SYS file (V2.x)
[Tn]	- expand tab space to every n columns
[U]	- change all lower case characters to upper case
[V]	- verify copied data
[W]	- delete R/O files at destination (V2.x)
[X]	- copy non-ASCII files
[Z]	- zero parity bit on all characters in file

## PIP KEYWORDS

CON:	CONsole device (defined in BIOS)
EOF:	send End-of-File (ASCII-^Z) to device
INP:	INPut source (patched in PIP)
LST:	LiST device (defined in BIOS)
NUL:	send 40 NULLs to device
OUT:	OUTput destination (patched in PIP)
PRN:	same as LST:; tabs every 8th character, numbers lines & page ejects every 60 lines with initial eject
PUN:	PUNch device { defined in BIOS }
RDR:	ReaDeR device

refer to IOBYTE section for additional physical devices

## **ASM CONVENTIONS**

labels followed by colon 1- 6 alphanumeric characters  
symbol (eg. EQU) no colon first must be alpha, ? or .

Assembly Program Format (space separates fields)  
label: opcode operand(s) ;comment

## Operators (unsigned)

$a+b$	$a$ added to $b$
$a-b$	difference between $a$ and $b$
$+b$	$0+b$ (unary addition)
$-b$	$0-b$ (unary subtraction)
$a*b$	$a$ multiplied by $b$
$a/b$	$a$ divided by $b$ (integer)
$a \text{ MOD } b$	remainder after $a/b$
$\text{NOT } b$	complement all $b$ -bits
$a \text{ AND } b$	{AND}
$a \text{ OR } b$	bit-by-bit {OR} of $a$ and $b$
$a \text{ XOR } b$	{XOR}
$a \text{ SHL } b$	shift $a$ {left} $b$ bits, end off, zero fill
$a \text{ SHR } b$	{right}

## Hierarchy of Operations

highest: ~ / MOD SWB SWR  
 - +  
 NOT  
 AND  
 lowest: OR XOR

## constants

eric (post)

Numerical (polar) format:  
B=Binary  
O,Q=Octal  
D=Decimal (default)  
H=Hexidecimal  
ASCII - in quotes (e.g. 'A')

#### Pseudo-ops

ORG const	Set program or data origin (hexadic-7)
END start	End program. Optional address where execution begins
EQU const	Define symbol value(may not be changed)
SET const	Define symbol value(may be changed later)
IF const	Assemble block conditionally until ENDIF
ENDIF	Terminate conditional assembly block
DS const	Define storage space for later use
DB byte[,byte...,byte]	Define bytes as numeric or ASCII constants
DW word[,word...,word]	Define word(s) (two bytes)
	const=constant (true if bit-0=1 otherwise false)

# ASM ERROR CODES

D Data error (element cannot be placed in data area)  
E Expression error (ill-formed expression)  
L Label error  
N Not implemented  
O Overflow (expression too complicated to compute)  
P Phase error (label has different values on each pass)  
R Register error (specified value not compatible with op code)  
U Undefined label (label does not exist)  
V Value error (operand improper)

# TRANSIENT COMMANDS

DDT	Initiate Dynamic Debugger Tool program
DDT filename.typ	Initiate DDT and load named file
ASM filename	Assemble named ASM {current drive
ASM d:filename	file on: {designated drive
ASM filename.abc	a=source file drv; b=HEX file destinationdrv (Z=skip); c=PRN file destinationdrv (X=console, Z=skip)
LOAD filename	Make .COM file from {current drive
LOAD D:filename	named HEX file on: {designated drive
DUMP filename.typ	Display file in hex {current drive
DUMP d:filename.typ	{designated drive
MOVCPM n	{and execute nKbyte CP/M system
MOVCPM n *	Create {image of nKbyte CP/M system
MOVCPM * *	{image of maxKbyte CP/M for SYSGEN or SAVE
SYSGEN	Initiate SYStem GENerate program
SUBMIT filename parameters	Execute SUB file using optional parameter(s)
XSUB	Execute eXTended SUBmit program (V2.x)
ED filename.typ	Execute EDitor program to create or edit named file
STAT	Display STATUS-R/W or R/O {current drv
STAT d:	and available disk space {named drive
STAT DEV:	{DEVICE assignments
STAT VAL:	{VALID device assignments
STAT DSK:	Display {DISK characteristics
STAT USR:	{current USeR areas } V2.x
STAT filename.typ \$S	{size of file
STAT filename.typ	{file characteristics {curr drv
STAT d:filename.typ	{named drv
STAT d:=R/O	{designated drive to Read-only
STAT filename.typ \$R/O	{Read-only
STAT filename.typ \$R/W	Change {Read-Write {V2.x
STAT filename.COM \$SYS	named file to {System file
STAT filename.COM \$DIR	{Drctry file
STAT gd:=pd:	Change general device (CON:, LST:, PUN: and/or RDR:) assignment of physical device (see IOBYTE)

# CP/M DISK FORMAT

Media: 8" soft-sectored floppy-disk single density  
(IBM 3740 standard)

Tracks: 77 (numbered 0 thru 76)

Sectors/Track: 26 (numbered 1 thru 26)

Bytes/Sector: 128 data bytes (one logical record)

Storage/Disk: 256,256 bytes (77\*26\*128)

File Size: any number of sectors from zero to  
capacity of disk.

Extent: 1Kbytes-8 sectors (smallest file space allocated)

Skew: 6 sectors standard (space between consecutive  
physical sectors on track): 1-7-13-19-25-5-11-  
17-23-3-9-15-21-2-8-14-20-26-6-12-18-24-4-10-16-22

System: Track 0 & 1 (optional)

Track-0,sector 1: boot loader

Track-0,sectors 2-26: CCP & BDOS

Track-1,sectors 1-17: CBIOS

Track-1,sectors 18-26: CBIOS

Directory: Track 2: 16 sectors typ. 32-bytes/entry  
(64 entries typ.) - extents-0 and 1

User File Area: Remaining sectors on Track-2 and -3 to 76  
Extents 2 and above

# COMMAND CONTROL CHARACTERS

charac	function	ASCII code
C	Reboot CP/M (warm boot)	03H
E	Start new line	05H
H	Backspace and delete (V2.x)	08H
I	Tab 8 columns	09H
J	Line feed	0AH
M	Carriage return	0DH
P	Printer on/printer off	10H
R	Retype current line	12H
S	Stop display output - any character except ^c restarts output	13H
U	Delete line	15H
X	same as ^U (V1.4) backspace to start of line (V2.x)	18H
Z	End of console input (ED & PIP)	1AH
delete	Delete and display	7FH
rubout	last character (tape only)	7FH

## IOBYTE (0003H)

Device		LST:	PUN:	RDR:	CON:
Bit	Position	7 6	5 4	3 2	2 1
Dec	Binary				
0	00	TTY:	TTY:	TTY:	TTY:
1	01	CRT:	PTP:	PTR:	CRT:
2	10	LPT:	UP1:	URL:	BAT:
3	11	ULL1:	UP2:	UR2:	UC1:

TTY: TeleTYpe

CRT: Cathode Ray Tube type terminal

BAT: BATch process (RDR=input, LST=output)

UC1: User defined Console

LPT: Line Printer

ULL1: User defined List device

PTR: Paper Tape Reader

URL1: User defined

UR2: Reader devices

PTP: Paper Tape Punch

UP1: User defined Punch

UP2: devices

## FILE TYPES

ASC	ASCII text file, usually Basic source
ASM	ASseMbly language file (source for ASM program)
BAK	BAckup copy file (created by editor)
BAS	BASic source program file, usually tokenized
COM	COMmand file (transient executable program)
DAT	DATA file
DOC	DOCument file
FOR	FORtran source program file
INT	INTermediate Basic program file (executable)
HEX	HEXadecimal format file (for LOAD program)
LIB	Library file used by macro assembler
PLI	PL/I source file
PRN	PRiNt file (source and object produced by ASM)
REL	RELocatable module
SAV	System file (V2.x)
SUB	SUBmit text file executed by SUBMIT program
SYM	SID symbol file
TEX	TEXt formatter source file
XRF	Cross reference file
\$\$\$	Temporary file

Filename - 8 characters maximum

Filetype - 3 characters maximum

Invalid filename and filetype characters:

< > . , ; : = ? [ ]

## DDT COMMANDS

A sad Assemble symbolic code ; start at sad  
D Dump RAM {cad; 16 lines  
D sad to console }sad; 16 lines  
D sad,ead from: {sad thru ead  
  
F sad,ead,const Fill RAM from sad thru ead with constant  
  
G Start saved PC  
G sad program sad  
G sad,bpl execution {sad and stop at bpl  
G sad,bpl,bp2 at: }sad and stop at bpl or bp2  
G,bpl,bp2 cad and stop at bpl or bp2  
  
H a,b Display hex a+b and a-b  
  
I filename Set up FCB {user code  
I filename.typ (5CH) for: }R-command (HEX or COM file)  
  
L Dissassemble {cad; 12 lines  
L sad RAM }sad; 12 lines  
L sad,ead from: {sad thru ead  
  
M sad,ead,nad Move RAM block from sad thru ead to nad  
  
R Read file specified by I command to RAM at  
R offset normal address + optional offset  
  
S sad Substitute into RAM starting at sad  
  
T n Execute n instructions (default=1) with  
register dump (trace)  
U n Execute n instructions (default=1) with  
register dump after last instruction  
Xr Examine/change registers or flags  
X Examine registers (flag reg:C=carry, Z=zero,  
M=sign, E=parity, I=aux carry)  
  
cad=current address sad=start address  
nad=new address ead=end address  
?=error, can mean: file cannot be opened,checksum error  
in HEX file or Assembler/Dissasembler overlayed.

## LOGIN BYTE (0004H)

low nibble = current drive (0=A,1=B,etc.)  
high nibble = current user (V2.x only)

## FILE CONTROL BLOCK

Byte(s)	function
0 dr	Drive code (0=current, 1=A, 2=B, etc)
1-8 f1-f8	File Name
9-11 t1-3	File Type t1=1-R/O; t2=1-SYS
12 ex	current EXtent number
13 s1	reserved {V1.4}not used
14 s2	=0 on BDOS call to {always 00H} Open,Make,search
15 rc	extent Record Count
16-31 d0-dn	Disk map
32 cr	current record for r/w
33-35 rn	random record number

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15  
dr|f1|f2|f3|f4|f5|f6|f7|f8|t1|t2|t3|ex|s1|s2|rc

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35  
d0|d1|d2|d3|d4|d5|d6|d7|d8|d9|d10|d11|d12|d13|d14|d15|cr|r0|r1|r2

# MEMORY ALLOCATIONS

(b=memsize-20K V2.x; memsize-16K V1.4)

	Hex Memory Locations	Contents
System Scratch Area (0-FFH)	0-2	jump to BIOS warm start entry point
	3	IOBYTE
	4	login drive number and current user
	5-7	jump to BDOS
	8-37	reserved: interrupt vectors & future use
	38-3A	RST7-used by DDT or SID programs
	3B-3F	reserved for interrupt vector
	40-4F	scratch area used by CBIOS
	50-5B	not used
	5C-7C	File Control Block (FCB) area (default)
Transient Program Area	7D-7F	Random record position-V2.x (default)
	80-FF	DMA buffer area (128 bytes) for input and output (default)
Program Area		
CCP area	100...33FF+b	COM file area {V2.x
	100...28FF+b	{V1.4}
BDOS area	3400+b-3BFF+b	Console Command {V2.x
	2900+b-30FF+b	Processor {V1.4}
BIOS area	3C00+b-49FF+b	Disk Operating {V2.x
	3100+b-3DFF+b	System {V1.4}
BIOS area	4A00+b-4FFF+b	I/O system {V2.x
	3E00+b-3FFF+b	{V1.4}

# BIOS ENTRY POINTS

Hex addr	Vector Name	Function	Value Passed	Value Returned
**00	BOOT	cold, warm} start entry point		C=0
**03	WBOOT	warm} start entry point		C=drv no
**06	CONST	check for console ready		A=const
**09	CONIN	read from console		A=chara
**0C	CONOUT	write to {console		
**0F	LIST	list device {	C=chara	
**12	PUNCH	punch device }		
**15	READER	read from reader device		A=chara
**18	HOME	move head to track-0		
**1B	SELDISK	select drive	C=drv no	HL=dph*
**1E	SETTRK	track number	C=trk no	
**21	SETSEC	set sector number	C=sec no	
**24	SETDMA	DMA address	BC=DMA	
**27	READ	read { selected sector		A=dskst
**2A	WRITE	write } selected sector		
**2D*	LISTST	get list status		A=lstst
**30*	SECTRAN	sector translate subroutine	BC=lsecno DE=smap	HL=pysec

const=console status  
00=idle  
FF=data avail  
dph=disk parameter/  
header address  
dskst=disk status  
00=OK  
01=error  
lstst=list status  
00=busy  
FF=ready

lsecno=logical sector number  
pysec=physical sector number  
smap=sector interlace map  
address  
chara=character  
drv no=drive number  
trk no=track number  
sec no=sector number  
DMA=DMA address  
\* not used in V1.4  
\*\*= contents of location 0002H

# BDOS FUNCTION CALLS

(request to BDOS to perform specified functions)

Function Number in C reg	Value Passed to BDOS in DE(or E)regs	Value Returned in A (or HL) regs
0 00	--	--
1 01	--	char
2 02	E=char	--
3 03	--	char
4 04	{E=char	--
5 05	list write	--
Perip- heral I/O	E= {FFH(input) char(output)	0=not ready char
6 06	{V2.x}	IOBYTE
7 07	--	--
8 08	E=IOBYTE	--
9 09	string addr	--
10 0A	addr of data buffer	chars in buffer
11 0B	--	00(not ready) FF(ready)
12 0C	--	--
Disk I/O	--	HL=version no.
13 0D	reset disk **	--
14 0E	{E=drive no	--
15 0F	open file	--
16 10	FCB addr	dir
17 11	--	FF(not found)
18 12	--	*
19 13	--	00(valid)
20 14	FCB addr	--
21 15	--	--
V2.x only	create file	FF(disk full)
22 16	--	--
23 17	old file FCB addr	directory code
24 18	-- (V1.4)	FF(not found)
25 19	--	HL=drive code
26 1A	DMA addr	A=cdn
27 1B	--	--
V2.2 & later	get alloc vectr	HL=ava
28 1C	--	--
29 1D	--	HL=R/O vector
30 1E	FCB addr	dir
31 1F	--	HL=dpba
32 20	E= FFH(get) user code(set)	current code
33 21	--	--
34 22	FCB addr	error code***
35 23	(r0,r1,r2 format)	random record
36 24	set random rec	field set
37 25	reset drive	0
not used	write random with zero fill	return code
38 26		
39 27		

\* V1.4 none

\*\* V1.4 initializes system and selects A drive

\*\*\* error codes: 01-reading unwritten data

03-cannot close current extent

04-seek to unwritten extent

05-directory overflow (write only)

06-seek past physical end of disk

char=character (ASCII)

addr=address

dir =directory code

cdn =current drive number (A=0,R=1,etc)

dpba=disk parameter block address

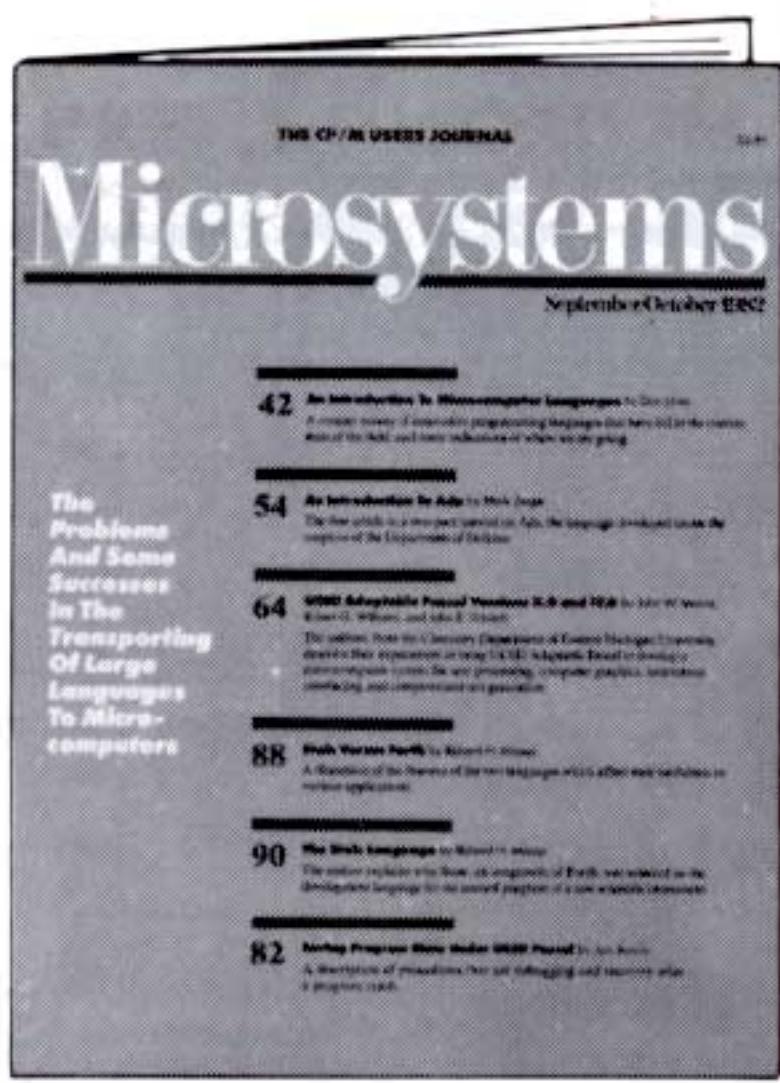
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